

Frigorides left the theater of war, to await new orders from GRATIAN. Valens sent SATURNINUS the vice cavalry commander of the Eastern army to support TRAIANUS and PROUTVRUS.

Fritigern persuaded Alatheus and Saphax to join him.

Saturninus was soon compelled to abandon blocking the mountain passes. All of Thrace was now at the mercy of the Barbarian who began a war of revenge against everybody.

Roman.

By order of Gratian, Frigeridus (promoted to Comes under -  
in - chief of the Illyrian) was moved again with those  
thus the Goths had to dislodge Frigeridus from central  
Thrace before the beginning of the winter of 377 if they  
wanted to survive that season safely. To avoid  
encirclement Frigeridus withdrew to the West, coming  
upon Farnobius & other Helengi. Farnobius died & the  
survivors were settled in upper Italy & Aquitania

The first to appear on the Thracian battlefield were the Roman infantry commander TRAIANUS and the cavalry commander PROFUTURUS at the head of some of the Roman troops called up in ARMENIA. It was ordered by emperor GORDIAN for troops. In response came FRIGERIUS the proven commander of Pannonia Valens after units had faced the Goths in DODRUDJA. The Romans were reinforced by some Gallic units, but the total #

was inferior to the Goths and the Roman leaders could not agree on how to fight the enemy.

The Tervingi backed the wagons. FRIGERIDIUS had an attack of spout & left supreme command to RICHOMERES.

FRITIGERA remained in his impregnable circle of wagons. The battle (late summer of 377) was not decisive. Both sides suffered serious losses. The Romans withdrew to MARCIANOPOLIS

The Hunnic King BALAMBER put an end to Ostrogothic independence. Isodermund stood "with a large part of the Goths under the dominion of the Huns" and marched with the Huns against VINITIARUS, "after having renewed the [Hunnic-Ostrogothic] alliance." A long conflict ensued. In 3 battles VINITIARUS was victorious but in the

which took place on the river RUMA, VINITHARIUS  
was killed when he was struck in the head  
by an arrow.

The Hunnic King BALAMBER married  
VA(L)DANERCA, the dead King's wife  
and thus gained dominion over the Goths.  
The first Ostrogothic king under BALAMBER  
was Ermarius son HUNIMUND; after him  
his son THORISMUND. Then they had  
40 years without a king.

After the death of ERMANARIC and  
the separation from the Visigoths,  
the Ostrogoths remained in their  
homeland, that is, in the old Scythian  
settlements, "under Hunnic rule".

The pent-up hatred and fears about survival after the treatment of the Roman LUPICINVS burst forth with great violence. The battles swept across the land, burning and plundering. Early in 377 LUPICINVS raised all available Roman troops to put down the revolt.

Nine miles from his HQ he suffered a serious defeat. LUPICINVS was killed & the Thracian regional forces had been

eliminated!  
Fritigern was now joined by Throcton Menow,  
Roman underclasses, and Gothic-Barbarian  
slaves. At the same time a Roman unit composed  
entirely of Tervingi changed sides - under  
the command of COLIAS and SVERIDUS. They  
joined Fritigern. ULFILAS' people remained  
loyal to the Romans"

those Tarfali who escaped annihilation in 377 were partly settled in Italy - namely in the region around Modena, Reggio and Parma in Emilia, where still in the time of the Lombards there was a town called TARFOLA - and partly sent to Gaul.

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Valens settles Visigoths  
in Moesia.